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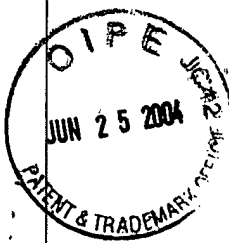
REMARKS

Claims 1-21 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 22-42 have been added. As a result, claims 22-42 are now pending in this application.

Added Claims

The proposed additional claims are fully supported by one or more of the specification, the drawings, and the claims as originally filed, and no new matter will be added by entry of the proposed amendment.

The additional claims are not intended to limit the scope of equivalents to which any claim element may be entitled. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the above-identified application.



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Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney at (352) 373-8804 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

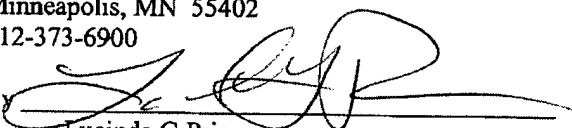
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